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JOINT PUBLIC POLICY (JPP) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2009

Approved
01/20/2010

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	HIV EPI AND OAPP STAFF
Lee Kochems, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Whitney Engeran-Cordova, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Richard Kearns	Elizabeth Escobedo
Kyle Baker	Carrie Broadus	Karen Mall	
Jeffrey Goodman	Ted Liso	Ruel Nollobo	
Manuel Negrete	Stephen Simon	Joe Randolph	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Ron Osorio	Chris Villa	Terry Smith	
Kathy Watt		Lambert Talley	Julie Cross
Kimberlee Woods		Steve Wayland	Carolyn Echols-Watson
			Jane Nachazel
			Craig Vincent-Jones

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- 4) **Policy Brief:** State Budget Cuts Brief #7, California Governor Slashes HIV/AIDS Funding, 8/8/2009
- 5) **Matrix:** Public Policy Issues Docket – 2009, 8/18/2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Kochems called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
MOTION #2: Approve the 6/17/2009 Joint Public Policy (JPP) Committee Emergency Meeting Minutes, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
5. **COMMITTEE COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
6. **CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:** There was no report.
7. **STATE BUDGET:**
 - Mr. Vincent-Jones said the State distributed care and treatment funds to jurisdictions with a range of 35% hold harmless and a cap of 70%. The County received 66% with Long Beach a receiving 70%. Surveillance funding was preserved.
 - The State Office of AIDS (OA) diverted 50% of prevention funds from Los Angeles and San Francisco to other jurisdictions based on their receipt of Federal funds. Overall, the County lost approximately \$5 million of \$6 million in prevention funding, and over \$300,000 in State housing funds.

- There will be an Executive Committee Special Meeting on 8/24/2009. Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) will not have complete information about the cuts by that time, but the meeting will help answer community questions and prepare for the September Commission Meeting, which may need to address additional FY 2009 allocation reductions.
- An updated Policy Brief will be released following the 8/24/2009 meeting.
- In other State news, Peg Taylor will be leaving OA on 8/30/2009 and moving to the State's Office of Emergency Management.

8. **CY 2010 POLICY AGENDA:**

- Mr. Vincent-Jones reviewed legislative policy achievements in CY 2009 to date. Acknowledging that the budget was the key issue of the past year he felt advocacy including local and Sacramento rallies as well as the Vigil aided in preserving the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), surveillance, some prevention and separate funding for Long Beach and Pasadena.
- Ms. Cross, Benefits Specialist, has continued to work on health reform and Office of AIDS Programs & Policy (OAPP) has followed Ryan White extension (reauthorization) work.

MOTION #3: Recommend the following Federal, State and Combined Level issues as legislative and policy priorities for the Commission on HIV and the Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) for 2009-2010 (*in no particular order*), as presented (*Passed by Consensus*):

A. **Federal Level:**

- Develop and disseminate the National HIV/AIDS Strategy.
- Reauthorize Ryan White legislation in accordance with the Commission and the Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) approved Ryan White Reauthorization Principles and the Ryan White Community Ryan White Consensus Document ("HIV/AIDS Community Consensus on the Future of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act").
- Advance ETHA (Early Treatment for HIV Act), Medicare Part D ("donut hole"), and TROOP (True Out-of-Pocket) legislation, first as part of health care reform efforts, or independently, as necessary.
- Increase funding and appropriations for federal HIV/AIDS programs.
- Explore possibilities for increased federal engagement in solutions for California's HIV/AIDS budget challenges.
- Propose, identify and address HIV-related issues in health care reform proposals/efforts.
- Enhance Federal accountability of the deliverables for the CDC's heightened national response.

B. **State Level:**

- Preserve full funding and accessibility to the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).
- Extend and improve the Medi-Cal Managed Care Waiver program, scheduled to sunset in 2009.
- Restore current and prevent future HIV/AIDS budget cuts with particular emphasis on saving (*in no particular order*):
 - Medi-Cal, including optional benefits (e.g., dental, psychotherapy);
 - Major Risk Insurance Program (MRMIP);
 - Adult Day Health Care;
 - CalWORKS;
 - Mental health managed care services;
 - In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS);
 - Alcohol and drug services, including the substance abuse offender treatment program;
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI/SSP) reimbursements; and
 - Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI).
- Pursue legislation to increase surveillance efficiency by reconciling regulations for HIV and AIDS surveillance.
- Advance legislation and regulatory change to improve HIV/STD control in the adult film industry.
- Update and reconcile Title XXII housing regulations to address the special needs of HIV/AIDS residential programs.
- Track and evaluate the impact of State budget cuts on consumer health and available services.
- Restructure the statewide planning process in order to ensure a full and impactful role and voice for community input and planning.
- Revise specific benefits policies to improve PLWH/A accessibility to medical care and other services, and conform to the Ryan White and County's "last resort" mandates, for example:
 - Medi-Cal share of cost formulae,
 - Medi-Cal managed care waiver due to sunset in 2009,
 - CARE/HIPP disability requirements,
 - CAL/COBRA extensions,
 - Standards of insurance coverage, and
 - Premium cost caps.
- Fund and expand specific substance abuse services for crystal meth users.

- End discrimination of disenfranchised populations affected by HIV, especially those special populations designated by the Commission and PPC.

C. Combined Levels:

- The JPP Committee also noted several additional items of interest and concern, and will continue working with its partners and stakeholders on efforts to mitigate challenges and improve public policy in:
 - Funding for housing;
 - Continued support and resources for appropriate HIV surveillance;
 - Access, care coordination and quality of life issues surrounding HIV in correctional settings;
 - HIV drug development and oversight;
 - Syringe exchange;
 - Disease status discrimination;
 - Modifications to HIV counseling and testing systems;
 - Transportation policies;
 - The spectrum of substance abuse treatment and prevention services; and
 - Continuing coordination with other County and external health care interests.

9. RYAN WHITE EXTENSION:

- Mr. Baker reported Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) administration announced in a National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) conference call that their attorneys have determined HRSA is prohibited from administering Ryan White after 9/30/2009 unless legislation is passed due to a specific sunset clause in current legislation. That is true even if legislators choose to appropriate funds for it.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones reported on an action plan to contact seven key Assembly and two Senate offices while they are in town for the Summer Recess during the next two weeks. Those wishing to participate should contact him. Mr. Baker and Mr. Nollado are helping to coordinate the visits and develop materials to advocate for:
 1. Ryan White extension,
 2. Increased appropriations,
 3. Concern over lack of Federal attention to California's budget crisis,
 4. Health reform.

10. **HEALTH CARE REFORM:** There was no additional discussion.

11. **LEGISLATIVE REVIEW AND STATUS:** There was no additional discussion.

12. **FEDERAL ISSUES:** There was no additional discussion.

13. **PUBLIC BENEFITS:** There was no additional discussion.

14. **HIV SURVEILLANCE:** There was no additional discussion.

15. **PREVENTION:** There was no additional discussion.

16. **CORRECTIONS:** There was no report.

17. **WORK PLAN:** There were no comments.

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mr. Nollado will leave AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) 9/4/2009 to join First Five as Government Affairs Officer.
- Dr. Woods, Executive Director, The Center Long Beach, will leave her position 9/18/2009. After a hiatus including a trip to Argentina, she expects to become active in fundraising and hopes to remain involved with the PPC and JPP.

19. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.